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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 3-11.

Please add claims 12-18.

12. (New). The compound of claim 2 where R^2 and R^3 each are methyl.
13. (New). The compound of claim 2 wherein R^6 is methyl.
14. (New). The compound of claim 2 wherein R^2 and R^3 each are methoxy.
15. (New). The compound of claim 2 wherein R^2 , R^3 and R^6 each are methyl.
16. (New). The compound of claim 2 wherein R^2 and R^3 each are methoxy and R^6 is methyl.